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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/664,337	Applicant(s) DWYER ET AL.	
	Examiner PAUL V. WARD	Art Unit 1624	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 17-25 and 27 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16, 26 and 28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election with traverse of Group II in the reply filed on April 13, 2006 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground that groups I-IV are inter-related (i.e., part of one and the same invention). Additionally, Applicant contends that there is a linking claim encompassing the scope of all the processes, uses, composition and compounds, and thus, believe that it is inappropriate to restrict since there is a commonality. This is not found persuasive because Groups I-IV are separate and patentably distinct because there is no patentable co-action among them. For example when R^3 is a heteroaryl/heterocyclyl moiety or when R^3 is a non-heteroaryl/non-heterocyclyl moiety, a reference anticipating one will not render the other obvious. Hence, Applicant's inventions are distinct and have acquired a separate status in the art due to their recognized divergent subject matter and different classification. Additionally, because each group has different subclasses, it would constitute a burden on the Examiner to search all subclasses. Further, different fields of search would be required in the non-patent literature. Thus, a search of the four groups would impose an undue burden upon the Examiner. Therefore, the restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper. The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Groups I, III and IV are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

Applicant reserved the right to file a divisional application to the non-elected subject matter.

Applicant is entitled to have Groups IV rejoined under M.P.E.P. § 821.04, if the claims of Group II are ultimately found allowable.

An action on the merits on claims 1-17, 26 and 28 is contained herein.

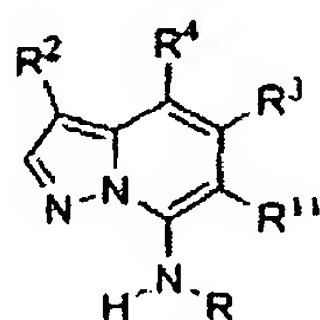
Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-16, 26 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Birault et al. (WO 01/35917). This reference corresponds to U.S. Patent 6,730,789.

Applicant teaches pyrazolopyridine compounds as cyclin dependent kinase inhibitors for treating various diseases. Applicant claims a pyrazolopyridines with a general formula III:



Formula III

wherein all the variables are as defined in the claim. Additionally, claims a pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of Formula III.

Birault teaches a generic group of pyrazolopyridine derivatives and pharmaceutical compositions, which embraces Applicants' claimed compounds. (See formula 1, pages 3-8 and definitions for R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 and R^5 . The claims differ from the reference by reciting specific species and a more limited genus than the reference. However, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to select any of the species of the genus taught by the reference, including those instantly claimed, because the skilled chemist would have the reasonable expectation that any of the species of the genus would have similar properties, and thus, the same use as taught for the genus as a whole. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to select the claimed compounds from the genus in the reference since such compounds would have been suggested by the reference as a whole. A prior art disclosed genus of useful compounds is sufficient to render prima facie obvious a species falling within a genus. Thus, Applicant's claims are obvious, and therefore, rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103.

Conclusion

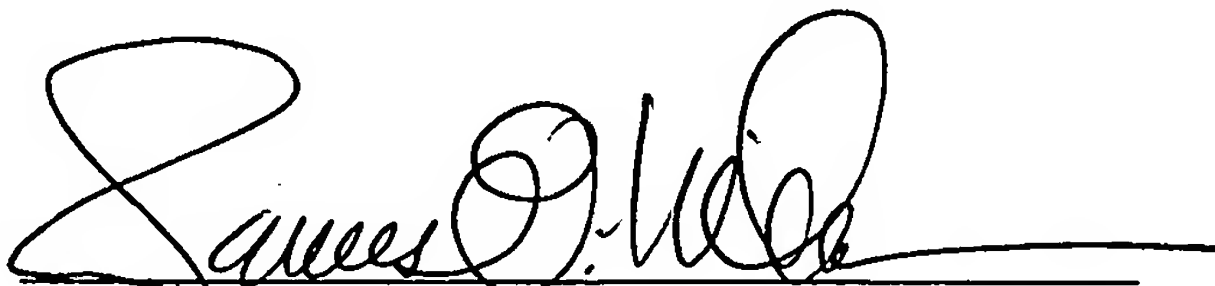
Claims 1-16, 26 and 28 are pending. Claims 1-16, 26 and 28 are rejected. No claims are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PAUL V WARD whose telephone number is 571-272-2909. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8 am to 4 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James O Wilson can be reached on 571-272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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